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SUBJ: UNFICYP

1. USUN HAS BEEN CONSIDERING QUESTION OF UNFICYP FINANCING, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT INCREASED SIZE OF FORCE AND POSSIBILITY THAT THIS LARGER FORCE MAY BE NEEDED FOR LONG ENOUGH PERIOD TO INCUR SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER COSTS.

2. ESSENTIALLY THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO FINANCE OPERATIONS: (1) CONTINUATION OF VOLUNTARY SYSTEM; AND (2) INVOCATION ARTICLE 17 AS IN CASE OF UNEF.

3. IF UN WERE TO MOVE TO LATTER, AGREEMENT OF USSR, FRANCE AND OTHERS WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE AMENDMENT OF PRESENT MANDATE AND RECONSTITUTION OF FORCE TO REFLECT MORE BALANCED GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION INCLUDING EES, ALL OF WHICH WOULD RESULT IN GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF OTHERS IN CYPRUS MATTERS. WE REALIZE PARTIES MIGHT WELL

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OBJECT TO ANY EFFORT TO INCLUDE NON-WESTERN EUROPEAN

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4. WE ASSUME, THEREFORE, THAT IT IN US INTEREST TO CONTINUE VOLUNTARY FINANCING OF UNFICYP DESPITE ITS PRESENT DEFICIT AND INCREASED SIZE. URGENT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO A NEW APPEAL BY THE SYG FOR FUNDS TO MEET THE NEW EMERGENCY. THIS MAY ENTAIL SUPPORTING DEMARCHES BY USG AND PERHAPS OTHERS TO ELICIT CONTRIBUTIONS. SINCE FRANCE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH UK DURING LATEST CYPRUS CRISIS AND IS CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF EC-9 WHICH WAS ALSO ACTIVE, WE BELIEVE THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SPECIAL EFFORT IN PARIS DESPITE FACT GOF HAS NOT CONTRIBUTED IN PAST. FRENCH MISSION HAS TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE THAT SAUVAGNARGUES HAS APPROVED ITS RECOMMENDATION THAT GOF CONTRIBUTE. FRENCH HERE BELIEVE THAT, AS IN PAST, GOF BUDGET OFFICIALS WILL BE MAIN OBSTACLE.

5. EVEN SUCCESSFUL CONTRIBUTION DRIVE MAY NOT FEND OFF SOVIET MOVE FOR EE AND NON-ALIGNED PARTICIPATION IN A VOLUNTARILY FINANCED FORCE. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT THEY WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL UNLESS THEY WERE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE. (THEY MIGHT ALSO BE INHIBITED BY FEAR CLERIDES GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT AGREE TO NON-WESTERN PARTICIPATION.) WE HAVE SEEN NO SIGNS OF SOVIET MOVEMENT BUT DO NOT EXCLUDE IT.
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